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SUBJ: MAKARIOS ENDS MALTA VISIT

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1. SUMMARY: MAKARIOS AND PARTY DEPARTED MALTA AFTERNOON NOV. 9 FOR TRIPOLI ABOARD LIBYAN EXECUTIVE JET. AFTER LUNCHEON WITH P.M. AND MRS. MINTOFF. THERE WAS NO COMMUNIQUE, BUT MAKARIOS MADE FORMAL STATEMENT AND HELD PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE. DURING LATTER OCCASION, HE SAID SOVEREIGN BASES WERE THERE BY WILL OF THE PEOPLE, AND WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO RENEGOTIATION.

2. STATEMENT LARGELY DEVOTED TO REMARKS FLATTERING MALTA AND EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION. DESCRIBING HIS MEETINGS WITH MINTOFF, HE SAID DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD IN "VERY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE" AND THAT THE TWO LEADERS EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR CLOSER COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS PARTICULARLY TOWARD CONTRIBUTING TOWARD SAFEGUARDING MED SECURITY AND PREVALENCE OF PEACE IN THIS

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SENSITIVE PART OF WORLD.

3. PRESS CONFERENCE WAS SOMEWHAT MORE INTERESTING:

(A) ON SOVERIGN BASES, MAKARIOS SAID THAT AT THE MOMENT HE DID NOT PLAN TO RENEGOTIATE THE BASE AGREEMENT. IT WOULDN'T ".BE GOOD FOR ME TO FIGHT ON MANY FRONTS". BASES ARE CONSIDERED BRITISH SOIL IN THEORY AS THS ARE PART OF CYPRUS. "THE BASES ARE THERE WITH THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE".

(B) ON SUPER POWERS, HE SAID HE WAS AGAINST BASES IN OTHER COUNTRIES. WE ARE NOT VERY HAPPY TO LIVE IN SHADOW OF SUPER POWERS, AND PRESENCE OF SOVIET AND U.S. FLEETS CONSTITUTE A DANGER.

(C) ON NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, HE SAID THEY HAVE IMPORTANT ROLE IN BREACHING GAP BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. WHILE HAVING NO MATERIAL POWER, THEY HAVE MORAL POWER WHICH GREAT POWERS SHOULD HEED.

(D) ON UNFICYP, HE SAID 1,000 TROOPS THAT HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO MIDDLE EAST WOULD BE REPLACED, "BUT THERE WILL BE NO TROUBLE IN CYPRUS; ALL IS PEACE THERE NOW".

(E) ON MUTUAL COOPERATION, MAKARIOS NOTED POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPROVED ECONOMIC RELATIONS, EXCHANGES OF STUDENTS AND EXECUTIVES, AND COOPERATION WITH REGARD TO DRYDOCKS AND CO-OPERATIVES.
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